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In re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests  
reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 24 and 32, without prejudice to their further prosecution in a  
divisional and/or continuation application.

Please amend Claims 17, 20, 21, 29, 30, 33 and 35 as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) An injectable formulation, comprising:
- (a) particles comprising a biocompatible polymeric matrix, the matrix  
comprising a poly(lactide-co-glycolide);

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## TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ Amendment
- ☒ No additional fee is required for additional Independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.

					Small Entity		or	Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously	Present Extra	Rate	Addl. Fee		Rate	Addl. Fee
Total	17	Minus	20	0	x 9 =	\$		x 18 =	\$ 0
Indep.	2	Minus	4	0	x 42 =	\$		x 84 =	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					x 140 =	\$		x 280 =	\$ 0
Total Additional Fee						\$		Total	\$ 0

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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